

Frank A. Bonebright

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### NOTABLE DEATHS

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JOHN W. REYNOLDS was born at Afton, Iowa, October 25, 1877, and died in Detroit, Michigan, March 14, 1934. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Creston. He was a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Reynolds. When he was a small child the family removed to Creston. He was educated in the Creston Schools, in Kansas City College, and in Rush Medical College, Chicago. After being graduated from the latter at the age of twenty-five, he commenced the practice of medicine at Creston and successfully pursued it for many years. He was active in civic affairs, served on the City Council, was mayor, was chairman of the Park Commission of Creston, and was a leader in many local enterprises. In 1908 he became the Eighth District member of the Democratic State Central Committee which he retained until 1920. In 1914 he was advanced to the chairmanship of the committee which he held until his resignation in 1924. In 1928 he became the Iowa member of the Democratic National Committee, which position he resigned in 1929 when Governor Hammill appointed him a member of the State Board of Assessment and Review; Governor Turner reappointed him in 1931 to a full six-year term. At the time of his death he was on a trip east investigating the operation of sale tax laws in other states. To his profession and to all his public activities he brought great devotion and high ability.

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FRANK A. BONEBRIGHT was born in Webster City, Iowa, April 16, 1868, and died in the city of his birth March 5, 1934. His parents were Thomas Blackwell Bonebright and Sarah Jane (Brewer) Bonebright, honored pioneer residents of Webster City, the father, a member of the Spirit Lake Relief Expedition in 1857, the mother a daughter of Wilson Brewer, founder and promoter of the town of Newcastle, now Webster City. Frank obtained a common school education and during his earlier manhood followed farming. Later he was in the employ of Webster City and became an expert electrician. For the ten years previous to his death he was official weather and crop reporter for Hamilton County. During the last several years of his life he devoted much of his time to acquiring a collection of articles illustrative of the pioneer times in his locality. He secured the remains of the old log cabin in which he was born and re-erected it in his own back yard, and assembled there the results of his years of collections of tools, household goods, contrivances of pioneers, and local prehistoric specimens. In January, 1932, he and his sister, Harriet M. Carmichael, gave to Webster City a substantial portion of the old Bonebright homestead containing the log cabin and the collected museum.

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